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Mr. Thomas Dorman, Executive Director

Public Service Commission
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Dear Mr. Dorman:

Twenty or more years ago we requested water service from Doe Valley and were refused. Meade County sent a letter saying that water pipes would be coming down Bethel Road and for \$500 we could connect to their water system, but because the pipes couldn't cross through Doe Valley property, we once again asked to hook into Doe Valley's system. This time Ken Helmley gave us permission, and promised that we would never have to worry about water again.

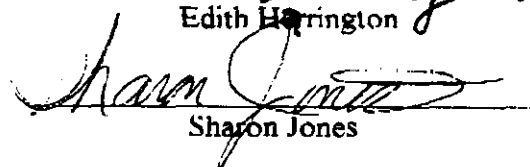
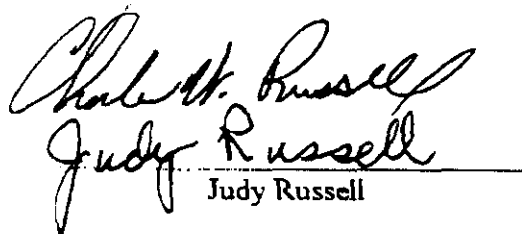
Suddenly, for reasons we can't understand, we're being told that we need to find another water source. According to the Doe Valley General Manager and the utility board, if we don't agree to hook up to another water source we will be responsible for Doe Valley losing its water plant and having to go to Meade County. We were also told that everybody in Doe Valley would hate us if that happened.

We have many friends in Doe Valley and the ones we've spoken to assure us that nobody is going to turn on us. They tell us that most of the community doesn't even know what's going on because no one ever asked for permission to go private. They also think this is just a scheme the utility board cooked up to get rid of the PSC so they can build an expensive plant that nobody but them wants.

We don't want to cause Doe Valley problems of any kind but we'd rather not change our water source if we don't have to. If we sign the quitclaim deed and become associate members of a private utility, we will lose PSC rate protection. If we don't sign it, we will be forced to buy considerably more expensive water from Meade County or Brandenburg. We lose either way. Of course, once Doe Valley goes private, they could raise rates even higher than Meade County's and there wouldn't be anything anyone could do about it.

We're willing to work with Doe Valley, but we don't understand the legal mumbo jumbo we've been getting in the mail, and the pressure being put on us feels a lot like blackmail. It seems that nobody is looking out for us. Do we have any rights at all? We will appreciate any help you can offer.

Sincerely,


Edith Harrington
Sharon Jones
Judy Russell